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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/BE99/00105  
International Filing Date: August 14, 1999  
Priority Date Claimed: August 14, 1998  
Title of Invention: NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO-ACID SEQUENCE CONTROLLING THE  
EXPRESSION OF A XYLANASE PROMOTER-OPERATOR NUCLEOTIDE  
SEQUENCE  
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Fabrizio Giannotta, Sebastien Rigali, Jean Dusart

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
4. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
  - a) ( ) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c) ( ) is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
5. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
  - a) ( ) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b) ( ) have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c) ( ) have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
6. (X) An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)).
7. (X) A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report with any annexes thereto, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34.
8. (X) An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
9. (X) A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.

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10. (X) International Application as published:  
a. (X) Publication Cover Sheet  
b. (X) 15 pages of disclosure  
c. (X) Sequence Listing in 5 pages  
d. (X) 3 pages of drawings  
e. (X) International Search Report
11. (X) Small Entity status is established.
12. (X) PCT Form PCT/IPEA/402.
13. (X) PCT Form PCT/IB/308.
14. (X) PCT request form.
15. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
16. (X) The following fees are submitted:

				FEES
BASIC FEE				\$860
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$968
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (if applicable). Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (NOTE 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				\$484
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE				\$484
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED				\$484

17. (X) A check in the amount of \$484 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
18. (X) Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property.
19. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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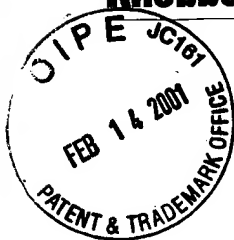
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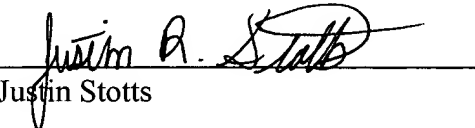
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